

Agency 461

Department of Ecology**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	FY 05 FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	1,405.4	71,739	238,501	310,240
Supplemental Changes				
Roadless Areas Environmental Review		150		150
Initiative 297 Implementation			636	636
Shoreline Master Program Grants		273		273
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes		423	636	1,059
Total Proposed Budget	1,405.4	72,162	239,137	311,299
Difference		423	636	1,059
Percent Change	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%

Supplemental Changes**Roadless Areas Environmental Review**

The U.S. Forest Service is proposing rules that require completion of environmental reviews to support requests by the Governor for classifying certain national forest lands as roadless areas. The Department of Ecology's Reduce Nonpoint Source Water Pollution activity will begin coordinating the completion of these environmental reviews, along with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Natural Resources, for over two million acres of roadless areas in the state's nine National Forests. No action by the state would mean these roadless areas would lose their current protected status and potentially revert to some other kind of active management, which could seriously impair water quality in the state.

Initiative 297 Implementation

The Cleanup Priority Act (Initiative 297) was passed by the voters in November 2004 and impacts the Hanford Waste Management Project activity concerning waste disposal and cleanup efforts at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. This act requires the Department of Ecology to order cessation of radioactive waste disposal in unlined trenches, implement additional permitting requirements, establish enhanced public participation and a public participation grant program, and adopt additional cleanup standards for radioactive wastes. These new requirements will be funded by increased hazardous waste fees billed to the U.S. Department of Energy and hazardous waste disposal fees. (Site Closure Account, State Toxics Control Account)

Shoreline Master Program Grants

In the 2003 legislative session \$1,000,000 was appropriated for each fiscal year of the 2003-05 Biennium for grants to local governments to revise their shoreline master programs. Due to the timing of actual payments to local governments, cash disbursements for Fiscal Year 2004 only totaled \$457,000. Funding is adjusted in the second year of the biennium to meet the remaining \$1,543,000 commitment to local governments. This adjustment affects the Protect and Manage Shorelines in Partnership with Local Governments activity.